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SUBJECT: SOUTH-NORTH RED CROSS TALKS

1. CHIEF KNRC NEGOTIATOR YI BOM-SOK INFORMED US
CONFIDENTIALLY THAT HE HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM
ROK CIA DIRECTOR YI HU-RAK TO TAKE INITIATIVE ON
NEXT RED CROSS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEOUL. YI BOM-SOK
SAID THAT HE SECURED YI HU-RAK'S AGREEMENT TODAY IN THE
FACE OF CONTIMBING OPPOSITION BY ROK CIA DEPUTY
DIRECTOR YI CHOL-HUK AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
CHONG HONG-CHIN.

2. ACCORDING YI, IT IS NOW PLANNED THAT ROK RED
CROSS LIAISON OFFICER AT PANMUNJOM WILL REQUEST
MEETING WITH HIS NORTH KOREAN OPPOSITE NUMBER
SOMETIME IN MID-SEPTEMBER. AT THAT TIME, ROK RED CROSS
REP WILL CONVEY PROPOSAL THAT NEXT RED CROSS MEETING
BE HELD IN SEOUL EITHER AT TIME DESIGNATED BY NORTH
KOREANS OR, AS ALTERNATIVE, ON DATE THREE WEEKS
AFTER DAY ON WHICH ROK PROPOSAL SUBMITTED.

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3. YI SAID HE SEES NO POSSIBILITY THAT NORTH
KOREANS WILL ACCEPT THE ROK PROPOSAL IN PRESENT
CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER, YI BELIEVES SUCH AN
INITIATIVE WILL DEMONSTRATE THE CONTINUED COMMITMENT
OF THE ROK TO SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE AND TO THE RED
CROSS TALKS.
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